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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include an average state average of 51(°F), a high of 77(°F) and a low of 21(°F).

While weather was mostly clear, dropping temperatures brought frosts to some late in the week. Corn and soybean harvests continue with average yield and condition mostly ranging from fair to good. The majority of hay harvests have either completed or ended with the oncoming cool weather. Fuji apples remain to be harvested, but activities have encountered delays with recent frosts. Field activities were heavily focused on harvesting corn, soybeans and apples as well as cover crop seedings.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 18, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	4	16	79	1
SUBSOIL	4	15	79	2

Crop Conditions as of October 18, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	3	44	52
CORN	1	6	24	39	30
HAY, ALFALFA	1	5	22	58	14
HAY, OTHER	8	9	27	45	11
PASTURE AND RANGE	13	23	35	18	11
POTATOES	0	1	63	33	3
SOYBEANS	2	8	22	50	18

Crop Progress as of October 18, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	81	76	84	90
BARLEY: PLANTED	92	89	75	80
BARLEY: EMERGED	85	78	66	57
CORN: MATURE	95	92	92	92
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	53	41	27	40
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	91	86	83	89
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	95	94	93	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	77	66	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	94	91	95	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	62	48	34	36
POTATOES: HARVESTED	58	55	84	92
TOBACCO: STRIPPED	51	47	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	78	68	72	63
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	67	52	55	40

October 18, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
Region	Station	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
		Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	71	32	48	-2	1.35	7	30.82	+1.47	107	2599	+370	4450
	Erie	76	33	55	+2	0.86	5	22.71	-2.86	81	3072	+379	4926
	Franklin_AG	73	32	51	0	1.43	6	30.98	+3.32	95	2836	+367	4711
	Meadville-Port	72	33	51	+1	0.99	6	28.31	+1.81	87	2938	+650	4820
	Springboro	72	33	50	0	1.47	6	26.95	+1.95	95	2432	+114	4249
	Titusville	73	32	49	+1	1.51	4	27.47	-0.42	71	2488	+428	4328
	Warren	73	33	50	-2	1.44	6	26.93	-0.45	94	2594	+232	4433
North Central	Bradford_Region	70	30	48	+2	1.05	6	24.34	-2.85	93	2228	+464	4012
	Coudersport_1SW	73	27	46	-2	1.02	6	33.77	+7.24	97	2147	+289	3903
	Kane	71	30	46	+1	1.16	6	27.59	-0.24	101	2169	+654	3927
	Laporte	67	27	46	-3	0.38	3	28.13	+4.10	95	2249	+230	4026
	Lock_Haven	73	34	52	+2	0.40	4	25.16	-0.49	73	3137	+518	5036
	Oswayo	72	30	47	0	0.87	5	28.89	+3.31	97	2128	+320	3897
	Renovo	75	34	51	-1	0.42	5	27.47	+3.49	82	2910	+317	4797
	Ridgway	73	33	48	+1	1.08	6	34.41	+7.34	99	2437	+535	4261
	Stevenson_Dam	75	32	50	0	0.51	5	32.82	+6.78	83	2589	+216	4431
	Towanda	75	27	50	0	0.05	1	25.39	+4.06	75	2734	+350	4582
	Wellsboro	70	27	48	-1	0.48	4	27.39	+5.92	88	2176	+345	3964
	Williamsport_AP	74	32	54	+3	0.19	5	27.93	+2.89	82	3405	+679	5320
Northeast	Hawley	77	21	48	-2	0.14	2	24.39	-0.33	70	2417	+365	4234
	Milanville	76	24	49	+1	0.40	4	22.96	-1.63	77	2598	+546	4429
	Susquehanna	74	26	50	0	0.21	3	25.26	-0.21	87	2550	+360	4385
	Wilkes-Barre	76	28	53	+2	0.16	3	21.06	-2.39	75	3368	+710	5274
West Central	Butler	72	34	50	-1	0.66	6	30.73	+4.73	96	2758	+433	4628
	New_Castle_Ag	70	32	51	-2	0.75	6	31.75	+7.66	94	3134	+517	5044
	Slippery_Rock	71	32	49	0	1.08	6	29.60	+3.55	96	2960	+834	4844
Central	Altoona_AP	74	34	52	+1	0.14	6	23.25	+1.07	85	3046	+378	4943
	Du_Bois	72	33	52	+3	1.01	6	31.68	+5.62	92	3007	+782	4895
	Elizabethville	74	34	52	+1	0.08	1	25.22	-0.24	64	3307	+607	5234
	Lewistown	76	36	53	+1	0.16	3	25.60	+0.95	79	3278	+486	5204
	Middletown	76	37	56	+2	0.04	1	27.60	+3.83	65	3900	+633	5854
	Prince_Gallitzi	77	33	49	-2	0.37	6	28.32	+4.76	97	2779	+461	4641
	Selinsgrove_2S	76	35	52	+1	0.10	1	23.28	-2.18	71	3163	+463	5066
	State_College_P	73	34	51	+1	0.19	5	27.36	+3.91	93	2975	+430	4868
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	77	30	54	+2	0.05	1	24.42	-2.49	60	3539	+744	5466
	Lehighton	77	29	51	+1	0.10	4	31.06	+1.58	75	2848	+432	4739
	Mt_Pocono	72	25	49	+3	0.11	3	30.89	+2.14	74	2527	+765	4367
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	72	32	53	+2	0.13	2	29.38	+6.54	88	3414	+864	5346
	Chalk_Hill	74	29	51	+1	0.16	2	29.30	-2.15	104	2936	+696	4852
	Connellsville_A	74	32	52	+1	0.28	3	29.14	+2.97	94	3304	+568	5240
	Indiana_3SE	74	34	50	-3	0.41	5	32.53	+4.29	101	2774	+204	4667
	Meyersdale	74	28	48	-3	0.07	3	24.91	-0.84	91	2379	+230	4212
	Pittsburgh_Intl	74	32	53	0	0.27	3	26.59	+3.80	73	3494	+664	5431
	Waynesburg	74	25	50	-2	0.11	1	23.50	-0.19	81	3040	+435	4950
South Central	Biglerville	74	31	53	+2	0.03	1	33.05	+7.37	61	3469	+699	5403
	Everett	74	34	51	-1	0.09	3	23.19	+0.30	84	2670	+166	4536
	Hanover	75	30	53	-2	0.02	1	28.24	+6.24	68	3358	+147	5289
	Harrisburg_AP	76	34	56	+2	0.05	1	28.50	+4.73	63	3754	+487	5699
	South_Mountain	70	27	51	-5	0.05	2	26.54	-2.15	75	2819	-187	4698
York_AP	75	27	53	-2	0.04	2	30.94	+5.78	66	3378	+219	5303	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	75	30	54	-3	0.00	0	23.31	-4.69	56	3472	+85	5398
	Green_Lane	75	31	54	+2	0.02	1	24.49	-1.58	54	3448	+644	5379
	Hamburg	74	34	53	+2	0.02	1	31.30	+3.32	65	3348	+444	5267
	Lancaster_AP	73	33	53	-1	0.00	0	24.93	-1.08	62	3463	+401	5396
	Neshaminy_Falls	75	29	52	-3	0.00	0	25.26	-4.83	58	3596	+459	5530
	New_Holland	75	33	54	+2	0.01	1	25.61	-2.66	62	3707	+934	5656
	Philadelphia_AP	76	38	60	+3	0.00	0	26.75	+2.34	54	4389	+772	6368
	Philadelphia_NE	76	34	58	+4	0.00	0	21.41	-8.68	56	4237	+1100	6207
	Reading_AP	76	34	55	+1	0.02	1	23.64	-2.92	56	3706	+608	5645
	Sellersville	75	26	52	-3	0.00	0	23.98	-5.32	55	3180	+266	5087
West_Chester	77	30	54	0	0.01	1	24.53	-3.07	63	3441	+346	5358	

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS County, Judy Behney

Adams County had a pretty nice week of weather. Monday evening some rain received but not much accumulation. Morning dews are pretty heavy so takes till lunchtime to dry off. Temperatures on Monday were into the 70's daytime and morning temperatures were in high 40's to 50's most of the week. Sunday night into Monday this weekend is supposed to be the coldest yet with possible frost. Time will tell. Daytime temperatures Tuesday thru Thursday were in the 60's. Some days were sunny and some were cloudier. Saturday and Sunday most areas of the county had heavy frost and the daytime temps didn't get out of the 40's. Some snow came around Arendtsville around lunchtime on Saturday for a short time and Sunday's weather was various at times sunny then cloudy then some rain/snow showers then sun then cloud all day long. Was breezy both days causing it to feel pretty cool outside. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested. Some corn has decent yields and others not so good. Soybeans are being reported as pretty good yields but the later soybeans and double cropped will be decided when frost comes. Wheat and barley continues to be seeded after corn and soybeans are harvested. Earlier seeded hay looking pretty good. Cover crops that were already planted look pretty good also. More cover crops will be planted once corn and soybeans are harvested. Hay continues to be made. Apples continue to be harvested. Producers are still having issues with lack of pickers to harvest their crops. Some smaller growers are finishing their harvest. Most producers are reporting decent yields. Vegetables continue to be harvested in the county. Once the frost comes then that will end of the vegetable season. Overall the producers are putting in some long days harvesting their corn and soybeans and are pretty pleased how harvest is going. Still lots of field work to be done before the weather changes.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Cool weather slowed pasture growth and ended hay making. Corn for grain being harvested with yields average to slightly above. Soybean yields better than expected but not exceptional. Looks like good weather coming up should end most apple harvest by end of the week. Growers are pleased with crop.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Growers will be harvesting Fujis for the fresh market this week. There are also processing apples being harvested. Cold morning temps have delayed harvesting this morning. We have a very heavy frost.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good week for harvest of corn and soybeans. About 1/8 inch rainfall in my gauge.

INDIANA County, J. Scott Overdorff

This week we had about 5 working days suitable for working in the fields. Had a couple of tenths of rain this week. The subsoil and topsoil are still very dry. Have picked some ear corn and cut some soy beans this last week. The beans are small. The corn ears are an average size but they do have a bright yellow or shiny color this year. Was cold this past week. Only got to 48 degrees this past Saturday, but it's fall. Hope to get some more corn picked and soy beans cut this week. Hope everyone has a safe farming week!

JUNIATA / SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

The harvesting of corn and soybeans continues with good results. The newly seeded crops are beginning to emerge and are looking good. The main activities for the week were harvesting and seeding.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Just finishing up the last of corn silage chopping and those who are fortunate enough to get a 4th cut of alfalfa are scrambling to get it in before the weather turns. Had our first 2 frosts Saturday and Sunday night.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

1st killing frost Sunday night. Some farmers making late alfalfa hay. Corn and Soybean harvest progressing well.

LEBANON, Charlene Ziegler

A good week for field work. Temperature was on the chilly side. More soybeans were combined. Corn was also beginning to be harvested for grain. Cover crops were planted on newly opened fields. Manure hauling continued.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

In our area the corn yields are the two extremes high and low all based on soil type and the wet summer. Highest local certified yield (I have seen) on sold corn for a 30 acre field was 169.8 bu. per acre. Early planted beans on well drained soil are producing good yields also.